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In re Application of:  
Application Serial Number: 09/869,614  
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Subject: Response to Request for Refund

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is in response to your letter submitted 01/31/02 wherein you requested a refund of \$396.00 in the above-identified application.

The request for refund is DENIED.

After thorough inspection of U.S. Patent and Trademark Office physical records and Revenue Accounting Management financial records, it is determined that you are not entitled to a refund of \$396.00. In reviewing our Revenue Accounting and Management History, The charge to your deposit account for \$396.00 was because in the Preliminary amendment filed 01/31/02 along with the request for refund claims 9-13, 16-18 had their multiple dependencies changed except for claim 19 in the original specification which states "residual dust monitoring in safety vacuum cleaners, according to claims 1- 18. With claim 19 being a multiple dependent claim and the Preliminary amendment not canceling or changing the dependency, the account was debited.

This application will be returned to Central files.

Sincerely,

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